

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Physician Assistant Studies Program

105 Credits | 29 Months | Full-Time Cohort Model

The Kean University Physician Assistant Studies Program curriculum integrates foundational science, clinical medicine, clinical skills, professional practice, supervised clinical practice experiences, and evidence-based medicine to prepare graduates for entry-level PA practice.

Program Competencies

The curriculum is organized around six competency domains. Course learning outcomes, assessments, clinical experiences, and summative evaluation are aligned to these approved program competencies.

Domain	Competency Codes
Clinical Skills	CS-1–CS-3
Technical Skills	TS-1
Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CR-1–CR-3
Interpersonal Skills	IS-1–IS-3
Medical Knowledge	MK-1
Professional Behaviors	PB-1–PB-3

Instructional Delivery Method: All didactic courses in the Kean University Physician Assistant Program are delivered primarily through in-person, face-to-face instruction on the Union campus. Selected learning activities may utilize online or hybrid educational technologies to supplement classroom instruction. Clinical education courses are completed through supervised clinical practice experiences (SCPEs) at affiliated clinical sites and are conducted primarily in person. Certain clinical experiences may include telemedicine encounters under the supervision of qualified preceptors in accordance with ARC-PA requirements.

APPROVED FRAMEWORK
DIDACTIC PHASE

Semesters 1–2

*34 credits***Semester 1 | 17 credits**

Course	Title	Credits
PAS 5101	Anatomy I	2
PAS 5201	Physiology I	2
PAS 5103	Pharmacology I	2
PAS 5104	Clinical Medicine I	4
PAS 5105	Diagnostic Methods I & EBM	3
PAS 5106	Clinical Skills I	3
PAS 5107	Professional Practice I	1

Major Content Areas: Dermatology | Psychiatry | Human Sexuality & Sexual Health | Genetics | HEENT | Integrated Surgical & Emergency Medicine Concepts

Semester 2 | 17 credits

Course	Title	Credits
PAS 5201	Anatomy II	2
PAS 5202	Physiology II	2
PAS 5203	Pharmacology II	2
PAS 5204	Clinical Medicine II	4
PAS 5205	Diagnostic Methods II & EBM	3
PAS 5206	Clinical Skills II	3
PAS 5207	Professional Practice II	1

Major Content Areas: Cardiology | Pulmonology | Gastroenterology | Infectious Disease | Integrated Surgical & Emergency Medicine Concepts

DIDACTIC PHASE

Semesters 3–4

32 credits

Semester 3 | 17 credits

Course	Title	Credits
PAS 5301	Anatomy III	2
PAS 5302	Physiology III	2
PAS 5303	Pharmacology III	2
PAS 5304	Clinical Medicine III	4
PAS 5305	Diagnostic Methods III & EBM	3
PAS 5306	Clinical Skills III	3
PAS 5307	Professional Practice III	1

Major Content Areas: Endocrinology | Neurology | Musculoskeletal & Rheumatology | Hematology & Oncology | Palliative & End-of-Life Care | Integrated Surgical & Emergency Medicine Concepts

Semester 4 | 15 credits

Course	Title	Credits
PAS 5401	Anatomy IV	2
PAS 5402	Physiology IV	2
PAS 5403	Pharmacology IV	2
PAS 5404	Clinical Medicine IV	4
PAS 5405	Diagnostic Methods IV & EBM	2
PAS 5406	Clinical Skills IV	3

Major Content Areas: Renal Medicine | Genitourinary Medicine | Reproductive Health | Pediatrics | Integrated Surgical & Emergency Medicine Concepts

CLINICAL PHASE

Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences

39 credits across Semesters 5–7

Semester 5 | 12 credits

Course	Title	Credits
PAS - 6310	Family Medicine — 4 Weeks	3
PAS - 6300	Internal Medicine — 8 Weeks	6
PAS - 6350	Emergency Medicine — 4 Weeks	3

Major Content Areas: Required supervised clinical practice experiences

Semester 6 | 12 credits

Course	Title	Credits
PAS - 6320	Surgery — 8 Weeks	6
PAS - 6330	Pediatrics — 4 Weeks	3
PAS - 6340	Women's Health — 4 Weeks	3

Major Content Areas: Required supervised clinical practice experiences

Semester 7 | 15 credits

Course	Title	Credits
PAS - 6400	Elective I — 4 Weeks	3
PAS - 6370	Ambulatory Medicine — 4 Weeks	3
PAS - 6360	Behavioral Health/Psychiatry — 4 Weeks	3
PAS - 6901	Clinical Seminar	3
PAS - 6902	Research & Scholarly Methods	3

Major Content Areas: Advanced integration, assessment, and transition to practice

Clinical Rotation Scheduling Note: The clinical phase sequence shown above is provided as an example only. Actual rotation order may vary by student based on clinical site availability and scheduling considerations. All students complete all required supervised clinical practice experiences (SCPEs) and program requirements prior to graduation.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Curriculum Summary

Curriculum Phase	Credits
Didactic Phase	66
Clinical Phase	39
Total Program Credits	105

Advanced Placement and Transfer Credit

The Physician Assistant Studies Program does not grant advanced placement, advanced standing, transfer credit, or credit for prior experiential learning. All students admitted to the program must complete the full prescribed curriculum.

Curriculum Revision

The curriculum is subject to periodic revision based on accreditation standards, program assessment, and healthcare practice needs.